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CONFORMITY ?

The good of our pluralistic society demands a certain degree of conformity from each of us. But when? And where? And how much? Does not our privilege of a Catholic University education impose a special obligation to lead by our example?

The Toronto Chapter has arranged a series of three lectures to explore this complex problem:

Jan. 29 Family Life

Speaker: Dr. Geraldine Maloney
(Head of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Women's College Hospital)

Feb. 19 Social & Civic Life

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Diana Maddox
(Actress & TV panelist)
Marshall McLuhan
(Author & Professor of
English, SMC)
Frank Tumpane
(Columnist, Toronto Telegram)

March Religious Life

(Date & Speaker to be announced)

Time: 8:15 p.m.
Place: CARR HALL

Tickets: \$3.00 single per series
\$5.00 double " "

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On behalf of the executive and directors I would like to express to all members of the Alumni Association a somewhat belated New Year's greeting.

In this our second newsletter I thought it appropriate to give the purposes of our Association as they appear in the Constitution:

"a) To bring into association the former students of The University of St. Michael's College by promoting a programme of religious, intellectual and social activity.

b) To co-operate with the Faculty of The University of St. Michael's College in furthering its educational objectives.

At present we have under way three projects which are designed to further these ends. Whether or not they are successful will depend upon the co-operation of our members.

The first, and most obvious, project is this quarterly newsletter. However, for regular publication we require a steady flow of news from members. We are counting on the return of a large number of the enclosed questionnaires.

To ensure that the 1963 Homecoming Weekend, our second project, will be worthwhile for visiting Alumni, we have already enlisted the aid of directors outside Toronto in preparing the programme. Watch for our next newsletter for the schedule of events and other pertinent information.

The Lecture Series, details of which appear in this newsletter, is our third project.

We urgently request your suggestions for further ways in which we may strive to achieve the purposes of our Association.

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Expanding Horizon

The oldsters among the Alumni, those who are now turning fifty, will recall the days at St. Michael's when Professor Gilson paid his first visits to the College. They were exciting days and out of the visits emerged the Institute of Mediaeval Studies. The Institute is better known outside Canada than within, but it is one of the fixed stars of the Canadian educational galaxy. The old Willison House which was the original home of the Institute, subsequently known as No. 10 Elmsley, is no longer a landmark, having fallen this past summer to the ravages of time and twenty-five years of exuberant undergraduate living.

A new personality has come on the scene at St. Michael's in the person of Father Gregory Baum. Father Baum is an Augustinian. He was born in Berlin of Jewish parents. He came to North America in 1940 a refugee from Nazi oppression. He received his B.A. and M.A. from McMaster and Ohio State respectively. In 1946 he entered the Church and did his doctorate theological studies at Fribourg, specializing in Ecumenical Theology. He joined the staff in Theology at St. Michael's in 1960.

Quietly but effectively Father Baum brought an awareness that the division among Christians is a scandal to the non-Christian world and that division impedes the force of the Gospel. The temporal and secular world of our times is becoming increasingly one, the problems of nations intersect each other more and more, the need for understanding has become imperative. So also in the Church, Christians must remember that Christ prayed for unity. Rabid sectarianism should not be a characteristic of Christian people. The Church which Christ founded to be a dynamic force in the world has lost the initiative in human events. Christian energy has been dissipated by senseless division among Christians, and the division has been engendered and fostered by ignorance and lack of understanding on all sides. This lack of understanding in its turn points up the fact that the charity of Christians towards each other has grown cold.

The awareness of this situation and the resolution to do something about it has prompted the ecumenical movement. It also prompted Father Baum to suggest that St. Michael's undertake the establishment of the Centre of Ecumenical Studies. Like the Institute of Mediaeval Studies, its beginning has been modest. It is presently located in the old Clover Hill wing. The first task is the building up of a library in Ecumenical Theology. It is a graduate research institute. It does not aim at proselytizing. It does hope to promote understanding among Christian scholars by the development of interest in theology and by interest in developing theology.

Perhaps it takes a theologian new to the Toronto campus to realize the possibilities which exist right at home. Father Baum points out that nowhere else in the world can you find five complete theological faculties under different confessional auspices existing a mere stone's throw from each other. Count them: Emmanuel, Wycliffe, Trinity, Knox, St. Michael's. Perhaps it took a man fresh from the German and French theological schools to point out that Catholic theologians here have an unsurpassed opportunity for dialogue with non-Catholic scholars. Perhaps it takes one who has seen the Church from the outside to realize how much can be done for the human family from within. Whatever it took, the Centre of Ecumenical Studies is now a reality.

Father T. Paul Broadhurst, C.S.B. '55, and Father Stanley Kutz, C.S.B., are assisting Father Baum in editing the bi-monthly publication "The Ecumenist", published by the Paulist Press and circulated among academic institutions throughout North America. Professor Bilaniuk, St. Michael's lay theologian from the Oriental Rite, will assist in the work next year.

Father Baum attended the Second Vatican Council as the theologian of the Archbishop of Toronto and a consultor for the Canadian hierarchy. He is a member of Cardinal Bea's Secretariat for Christian Unity. He has also been appointed to the Commission which will prepare the agenda for the next session of the Vatican Council.

From its modest beginning, it is confidently expected that the Centre of Ecumenical Studies will add a unique and distinctive contribution to the world of Catholic scholarship and learning.



Bob Baxter '52, our Director and faithful reporter at the Lakehead writes from Port Arthur: "When I attended St. Michael's, there was a little booklet distributed to residence students entitled "Prayers for Students" which contained, among others, the morning and evening prayers said in private or in groups by all St. Michael's students. Not too long ago I lost mine, and it occurred to me that others might also have done so. It is impossible to estimate how many thousands of us are familiar with these prayers, but no doubt many would appreciate having a bedside copy. This could be a real bond between graduates, and would be a means of cementing the communion of spirit and purpose that, as members of the Mystical Body, we seek."

A much-appreciated suggestion! A copious supply of these booklets is on hand. A mere postcard request to the Alumni Office will bring one to YOU promptly.

Of Special Interest

CLASSES OF 1913 AND 1938

The Annual GOLDEN AND SILVER T DINNER for 25-year and 50-year graduates will be held at the College on May 31, 1963, as part of Graduation Week festivities. Don't wait for your personal invitation; enter the date in your diary now!

CLASSES OF 1943, 1948, 1953 & 1958

HOMEcoming WEEKEND in October 1963 will especially honour the 5, 10, 15 and 20-year graduates. Plans are progressing, and all indications point to a really enjoyable weekend for those who attend. Events are being scheduled so as to make your return to the campus a memorable one. Watch for further information.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE WOMEN

At the Golden Jubilee Reunion of St. Michael's College Women Graduates which was held last June 2, it was proposed that an annual conference be held, to be known as the WHITSUNTIDE CONFERENCE.

Sister St. Stephen, who is hard at work on plans, informs us that this year's Conference will take place on Saturday, June 1. More news in March.

ATTENTION READERS:

Are YOU aware that the library of St. Michael's College is open to Alumni on the same basis as to undergraduates? Just remember to fill out a registration card at the desk when taking out your first book.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during term.

Sorry, no mail orders!

TO ALL CONCERNED ENOUGH TO ASK
AND ALL WITH THE INTERESTS OF
ST. MICHAEL'S AT HEART:

(We hope this covers everyone)

Several inquiries have been received about membership dues in the Association. There are none. In their stead, we suggest you open a friendly ear and a ready cheque-book when canvassed for the annual Varsity Fund (Canada) or Associates of the University of Toronto (U.S.A.) appeal. All monies contributed by St. Michael's alumni are passed along to the College.

Rochester Reporting

Mike PIEHLER '38 sends a generous supply of news from the Rochester area, but is disappointingly reticent about himself. He does say that he and Dick MAURER '43 are very active members of the newly formed Serra Club of Rochester, and we know he flew up to the November Convention in Toronto in his own plane!

The most recent event on the local alumni calendar was an evening Mass followed by dinner held last June, attended by 71 alumni.

Dr. Charles VACANTI '58 and Dr. Dick MASTRODONATO '57 joined the many alumni physicians here during the past year; Dr. Vacanti is interning at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, and Dr. Mastrodonato is studying psychiatry at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Among their colleagues are: Dr. Russell ALLENZA '38, Dr. Russell BARONE '36, Dr. John BURKHARDT '44, Dr. Nick DELLA PORTA '37, Dr. Fran FOLEY '45, Dr. Jim GARDNER '44, Dr. Paul GUEST '40, Dr. Joe MONTARELLA '49, Dr. John NINFO '39, Dr. Anthony SAELI '44, Dr. Bill SPRINGER '44 & Dr. Jim WALKER '40 in Canandaigua.

The legal profession also claims a substantial number of alumni: Fred BLUM '37, Roy COLICCHIO '43, Bill CRONN '40, Joe FISCHETTE '38, Tom MOONAN '55, Tom SULLIVAN '38, Al REICHERT '53, Faust ROSSI '53, and Joe VALENTI '58. Terry HOGAN '57 recently entered legal partnership with brother-in-law John REGAN '53. Roy COLICCHIO, incidentally, was elected to the City Council in November, where he joins Bill MALLEY '38.

Bob AULENBACHER '37 is with the Rochester office of the FBI. . . . Winnifred FLETCHER '36 is Director of the Cerebral Palsy Center of Rochester. . . . Dave QUIGLEY, Student Council President in 1950, is a partner in a local housing contracting firm.

Dr. Gene MURPHY '41 is Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages at Hobart College in nearby Geneva. . . Dr. Robert J. MILLER '48 is Chairman of the Philosophy Department of Nazareth College.

Ray MARLING '37 was elected a John Hay Fellow a year ago and with his family spent a year of study at Harvard. Ray has since returned to his position as head of the History Department and Director of the Night School Program at Brighton High School. . . . Greg and Eileen (BRENNAN) BYRNE '56 are living in the suburbs; Greg is head of the English Department at the Rush-Henrietta High School. . . . Phil WOOD, Student Council President in 1956 and Sally '57 (WARD) are back in Rochester with Phil's appointment as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Penfield School District. Phil is scheduled to complete his doctoral work in Education at Columbia this coming summer.

And among the Basilians, Father Charles LAVERY '37 is President of St. John Fisher College, where Father Joseph DORSEY '38 is Dean of Studies, and Father Robert MILLER '34 is Chairman of the Department of Philosophy. . . Father Fergus SHEEHY '32, is Superior and Principal of Aquinas Institute.

In March: Syracuse-Utica

Here . . .

Two of our Vice-presidents, Suzanne McGRATH Christensen '51 and Bob ARMSTRONG '51 braved the heavy rain to represent St. Michael's at the annual University Memorial Services at Soldiers' Tower, Hart House, on November 10 Don McDONALD '39, current President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association was a guest at our last Directors Meeting on November 28. . . our new Honorary Secretary is Pat SLATTERY O'Driscoll '55, replacing Arden SFENCE '54, who resigned upon her marriage to our President, Bill BROADHURST '51 in September.

A bond with the past was severed in October with the death of sister MARY AGNES '14, the first woman to take a degree from St. Michael's after it became a federated College of the University. . . . We also extend our sympathy to the family of Madeleine BURNS Fraser '16, St. Joseph's first lay graduate, who died during the recent holiday season . . . Mary POWER, one of the early Loretto graduates, has donated some books, prints and memorabilia to St. Michael's Library.

Congratulations to seven newly appointed alumni O.C.s: M. Joseph HAFFEY '46, Neldo LORENZETTI '38 and Don McDONALD '39 of Toronto, Wm. Eugene HOURIGAN '48 of Burlington, Tom JACOB '43 of Dunville, Douglas ATKINSON '48 of Oakville, and John MULCAHY '42 of Pembroke.

Amongst our undergraduates this year we have 157 from the U.S.A., 13 from the West Indies, 6 from Hong Kong, 3 from Kenya, 2 from Nigeria and leach from Ghana, England Holland, Mexico, Venezuela and British Guiana.

Hugh HOOD '50 has received enthusiastic reviews across Canada for his collection of short stories, "Flying a Red Kite", published by Ryerson in November. Dr. Hood, who is now working on his first novel, to be published next spring, is on the English staff of the University of Montreal. He is married to the former Noreen Mallory, a grad from O.C.A. whom he met at the home of Morley CALLAGHAN '25. They have two children, with another on the way.

Back in Toronto are Pierette LEPAGE '60, after two years' study in Paris under a Canada Council Grant, and Mary Pat McNAMARA '58, who is now married to Frank KIELTY '58. After graduation Mary Pat spent a year in Japan, teaching English to girls at the Sacred Heart School.

Other marriages: Cecile LOU '59 to Albert Tsang; Dorothy McCREA '60 to Gerald DesRoches; Judy PURCELL '60 to Marcel Hamelin; Halyna PYLIPIV '61 to Andriif Bohel; Carolyn RAYMOND '59 to Hugh Brown; Joan STIRLING '58 to Wayne McKinnon and Jacqueline WILLIAMS '60 to John R. BOYCE '60.

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Monsignor Robert Brown, who had just returned from the Ecumenical Council spoke to the NEW YORK CITY Chapter on November 29 on his observations of Vatican II and its aim of modernization. Steve CARR also sends along a notice of a holiday party at the Cafe Continental in Larchmont on December 29.

Sheila KELLY '62 has made a splendid recovery from her almost fatal automobile accident last August, and is teaching at the Cathedral High School in Hamilton this Spring.

Martha HEARD '60 and Mary Jane NORRIS '62 are teaching for the year in the Basilian Mission field in Texas.

In Ottawa are Cathy GYURIK '62, who is studying medicine, John Peter RAMSAY '61 who is teaching in Bell's Corners, and Edward SKRABEC '61 who is with the Department of External Affairs. Come next September he hopes to be sending home some envelopes with interesting foreign stamps.

Mervyn LYNCH '60 is working for a diploma in Education at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. Mervyn KEIZER '62 is attending Harvard.

Sister Irene FAYE '60, who has been teaching at Rosary Separate School in Manning, received her Bachelor of Education degree in Calgary in November.

Rev. John DREXEL, O.M.I. '57, who was ordained in Washington last June has been posted to the Oblate Fathers headquarters in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Jane HUNGERFORD and Peter OBERNESSER, both '61, were married in Pelham, N.Y. in December. Peter is now a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Johann ROTT '45 is with the Canadian Embassy in Vienna. Lorraine RAFFERTY '50 is teaching at an RCAF base in Metz, France. John DILWORTH '58 will spend the next three years in Switzerland with the Zurich office of Price Waterhouse.

Helen SMYTH '50, who recently became Mrs. Rodney Travers-Griffin, will be living in Twickenham, Middlesex. . . Beverley MYER '61, who has been teaching at the Berlitz School in Paris was married there last month to Marc Stanislawski.

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